



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Mail Stop Amendment
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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO MAINTAIN
PARENT CASE THAT IS TO BE ABANDONED WHEN
FILING NEW APPLICATION CLAIMING ITS BENEFIT**

1. This is a *bona fide* attempt by applicant to respond to the outstanding Office Action with a separately filed divisional application.
2. This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2005.
3. Included herein is an express abandonment of this application conditioned upon the granting of this petition and the granting of a filing date to the divisional application, so as to make the divisional application copending with this application.
4. Applicant is a small entity.
5. Extension requested –

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for two months. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

6. Fee Payment –

The extension fee of \$225.00 is enclosed. The Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 500449 for any additional fees that may be required. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited in the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.



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